I need it very much, & knowing that I was unable to get any at present, he ought not to have taken it from me. I have a cough & shall not attempt to lecture until after Election. If you have any thing that I can do that does not require much speaking or strength you must write immediately. If not I shall try to do something for the cause in the best way I can.

Yours truly — H. Cummings

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Br. Phelps,

I have just returned from my tour through the county. I was detained two days on account of the rain. The prospect is we shall get from 75 to 100 votes in the county. I got only 4.39 cents, for some were not at home, others had no money, some felt no interest about it &, others made promises that they would give something when they get something to pay. Please direct your votes as follows. Duxbury. Hiram Cummings by Mr. Jones Stage driver, City Tavern, Marshfield Ariel Ames; North Scituate same when the papers were directed to; Hanover Elisha Bolf. Pembroke Elijah Damon John D Mason; Hanson Whitcomb Esq.; E Abington Abiah Reed; N Bridgewater Elisha Kingman; W Bridgewater Ward Richards; E Bridgewater Joseph Shaw; Bridgewater Abram Washburn or Morton Eddy Halifax none; Plympton, Earl Sturtevant; Middleboro. I did not see Horatio Wood; Carver Tilson Pratt. did not see him; Wareham Rev. Charles Carter; Plymouth Rev. Mr. Sanborn; Kingston, Samuel Cushman. Forward them as soon as possible. I Heard to day, that John A. Collins has gone to Europe. It can direct, & from a person who had been let into the "secret," who "guessed" he had gone to attempt to destroy the influence of the New Organization, — not by open lecturing, but by private effort. It is best to put British abolitionists on their guard, & expose his probable design as soon as you can get word there. I was informed that but a very few knew that he was gone. A man who knows a thing, can "guess" very correctly. I have no doubt of its truth. Tell Br. Alden, that I want 30 of that 50 dollars he got at Easton, on which I was depending, as I have been sick, for something to keep the cold off,